

Patient and Caregiver ID Card Requirements

Summary

This proposal removes the requirement that patient and caregiver identification cards must bear a photograph of the patient or caregiver. Patients and caregivers are still required to submit a photograph when registering with the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, and must present a valid government-issued photo identification to a dispensary when obtaining medical cannabis to validate the patient or caregiver's identity.

10.62.06 Patient and Caregiver Identification Cards

.01 Patient Identification Cards.

A. (text unchanged)

B. An identification card shall contain:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) An expiration date[:

(a) 2 years from the date the card is issued; and

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019,] 3 years from the date the card is issued; *and*

(3) [A current, clear photograph of the applicant's face taken within the previous 6 months; and

(4)] The qualifying patient registry number assigned by the Commission.

C. – D. (text unchanged)

.02 Caregiver Identification Cards.

A. (text unchanged)

B. An identification card shall contain:

(1) The name and date of birth of the cardholder;

(2) An expiration date 2 years from the date of issue; *and*

(3) [A current, clear photograph of the applicant's face taken within the previous 6 months; and

(4)] The caregiver registration number assigned by the Commission.

10.62.30 Dispensing Medical Cannabis

.03 Procedure for Dispensing Medical Cannabis.

A. A registered dispensary agent shall dispense medical cannabis only from the service area to a qualifying patient or caregiver who has presented:

(1) [a] A Commission-issued patient or caregiver identification [card] *number*; and

(2) A *valid government-issued photo identification*.

B. – G. (text unchanged)

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